

222 Asks Re-conversion Meeting

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Refer Policy Statement for Further Opinion.

The membership meeting of Wednesday, Sept. 6, moved a recommendation to Bro. Geo. Burt, Regional Director, for a special meeting of the District Council to discuss re-conversion of the industries with which the UAW has contracts. A delegate was authorized to attend a meeting to discuss the celebration of the cessation of war. The meeting also tabled the report of the committee which had been appointed to draft a statement of policy in relation to "Letters to the Editor" for the Oshaworker.

The recommendation for a special District Council meeting came as the result of questions and discussions concerning the re-conversion activity in the way of planning for the reconversion period. Bro. Malcolm Smith reported that the shop committee had been led to understand that the GM plant would possibly be closed for three to six months while the changeover was being made. About fifteen hundred to two thousands people only out of the present staff would be needed in the work of making the change.

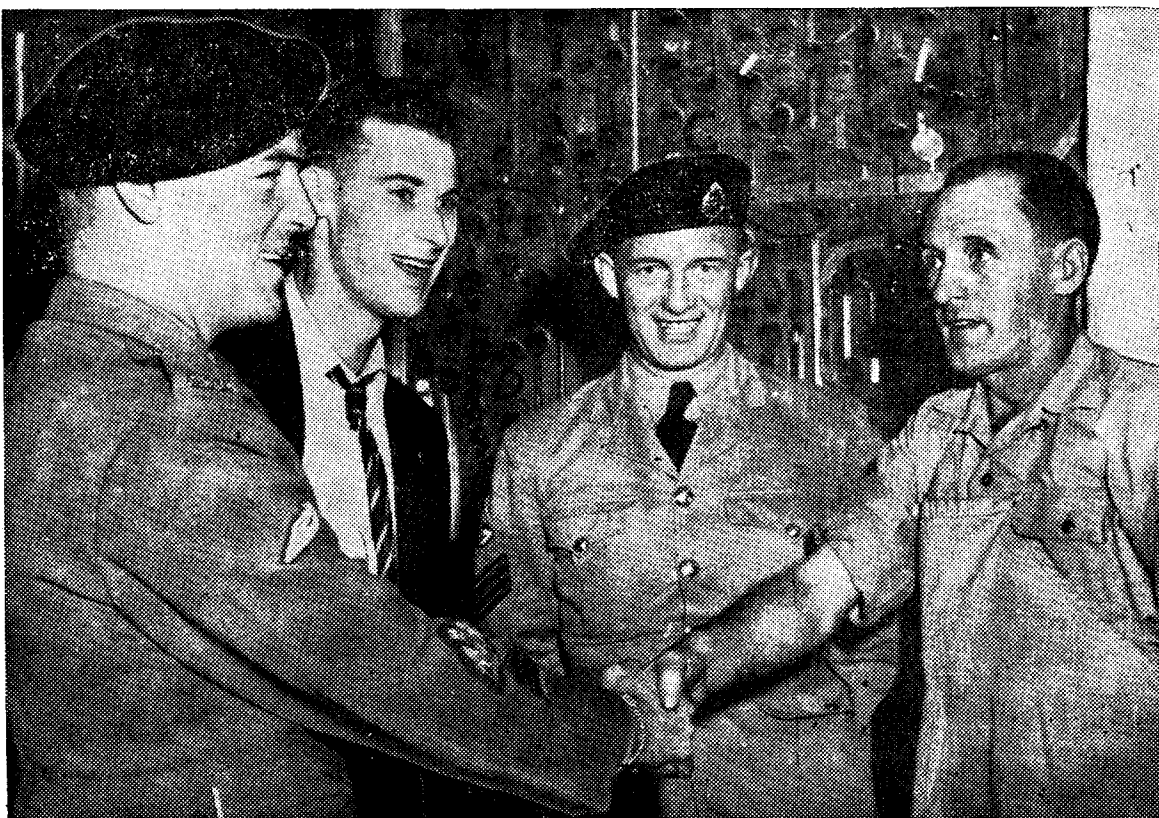
Concerning the reference of the policy on letters to the Editor, the motion to table was coupled with a clause to refer the matter to the Editorial Board and the Executive for further discussion.

In discussing the committee to celebrate the return of peace, it was felt that the Labor Council should take the lead in such a celebration and it was stated that the delegate to the committee from Local 222 would take the matter up with the committee.

It was reported that some trouble had been experienced in arranging for space for the children being cared for under the Day Care Unit here. Bro. Turner reported that the committee had been unable to find space in any building up to that time. (Ed. Note:— Calvary Baptist Church has since made space available.)

Bro. Alex Christie in reporting for the Entertainment Committee asked for volunteers for the Saturday Night Bingo games. He said that his Committee was overworked. Volunteers to leave their names at the Union office.

**NEXT DEADLINE:
MONDAY NOON
SEPT. 25**



Re-union of Bill Myles of GM, formerly a staff Sgt. Major at Camp Borden and RSM Burke. The other two are Dick McEvers and Sgt. Hansen.

Army Men Guests of Union Highly Pleased With Visit

On Thursday August 24, the Union was host to visitors from Camp Borden, who returned the visit paid to the camp by members of the Auto workers from Windsor and Oshawa.

The party arrived by motor from the Camp about 10.30 and were immediately taken in hand by representatives of Local 222 who had arranged a tour of the GM plant for them. Prior to the tour however the party were met by officials of General Motors and were tendered a luncheon in the cafeteria of the plant by the management.

A fairly complete tour then followed in the process of which the men of the army gained some idea of the processes of mass production in the making of the planes and armored vehicles they use in the battle against the Axis.

All members of the party, from the Major to the Privates were intensely interested in every phase of the battle of production and asked many keen questions concerning the work they saw in the various departments they passed through.

A banquet and later a social

get-together prior to their departure for Windsor brought expressions of appreciation for the work of the members of the Union and a very fine spirit of comradeship between the men in uniform and the men "in overalls" prevailed throughout the whole visit.

The party from Camp Borden was led by Major Doyle, second in command of the Canadian Armored Corps Training Regiment; Captain Rickwood, General Staff Officer from Camp Borden; Lieut. F. J. Egan, Public Relations Officer; RSM (WOI) Burke; Cpl. N. Conakos; Tpr. McLellan; S.Sgt. E. S. Humphrey; S.Sgt. W. J. Kent; Tpr. Lajoie; Sgt. K. Hansen and Pte. W. S. Parish.

The Union members delegated
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Editor Talks

It has become apparent that, no matter how good were the intentions of the provincial and federal governments in the setting up of various labor boards to deal with problems concerning union management relations, the objects they and the unions had in mind have been defeated by the procedure of these boards and to some extent by the persons chosen to serve upon them.

Theoretically, they should serve to avoid the stoppages of work and all the many irritations arising from direct negotiation where tempers may flare and personal characteristics may enter the picture to spoil that even temper, so necessary in bargaining, to insure rational negotiation.

However, it has not always worked out that way. One might be tempted to say that it has never been the case. Too often long drawn out proceedings and putting off of decisions has made the position of the union a difficult one. Only almost superhuman effort, and great self-control on the part of the Union members, has averted serious disruption of the production so necessary for the prosecution of the war to a successful conclusion.

Red tapism is bad enough to deal with if it has coupled with it, persons of understanding to ease the road of negotiation. But to find a board whose chairman has no grasp of labor's problems and no apparent sympathy for the workers with whom his board deals is confounding.

Other countries have found it wise to pick men for these Boards who have had a long and mutually agreeable relation with the labor movement. Chairmen would be chosen — perhaps a judge, perhaps an employer whose contacts with Labor had been long and harmonious. Decisions rendered would be expressed clearly and in a manner to prevent equivocation or chiseling on the part of the management.

These are the two factors that are absolutely essential to the success of the work of any Labor Board and it is high time that our governments took note of them.

The workers in industry can aid to some degree in remedying the situation by constant protest and, to a larger extent by the use of their voting power when all vocal protest fails.

Down by the Old Mill Stream

By A. J. TURNER

It is down by the old mill stream that education and recreation are blended to a perfection at the WEA summer school. The old, but sturdy grist mill on the banks of the Ganeraska has seen three-quarters of a century of history. But never in its long career has it bristled with so much life and activity as now.

Located about a mile from Port Hope, the pioneers who engineered the mill sight had an eye for natural beauty. For surrounding the school are rich rolling farm lands and amply wooded hills and dales interspersed with paths and walks.

The ancient building—solid of beam, frame and plank—is now a lecture hall, recreation room and women's dormitory for Canada's rustic labor college. The venerable storage buildings now house the dining-room and men's sleeping quarters—primitive and airy but snug and comfortable.

The old mill dam serves as a ready made swimming pool—as a refuge from the hot sun and argumentative students. The ample grounds do well as an open-air lecture hall, croquet and badminton court.

It is in this ideal setting that numerous summer educational schools have been sponsored by various trade union and labor groups under the able supervision of the Workers' Educational Association. It was into this atmosphere that five members of Local 222, tuition paid by the union — combined study with pleasure on the week of August 19th, along with forty-five other students.

The regime was simple and yet effective. Proudly known by WEA secretary, Drummond Wren, as co-operative living, the daily life at the school was an example of democracy in action. The only full time staff on the premises was an assistant director, the chef (m-m-m could she cook!) and helper. The school was run by an elected council which met daily to discuss and iron out problems. Recreation, floor sweeping, dining room waiters and janitor service were organized and run by the students themselves—everyone taking his turn.

Aside from the enjoyable task of eating, sleeping (lights out at eleven p.m., door locked at midnight!) lectures and discussion were compulsory. They were held in the morning from 10 a.m. till noon and in the evening 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The rest of the day was free for recreation (and co-operative living tasks).

The lectures were not the dry

as dust stuff most of us might visualize. Usually less than an hour, well prepared and interestingly presented, the subjects evoked much lively discussion. Such topics as the War Labor Board, Labor-Management Committees, Worker's Philosophy, the Causes behind the Zoot Suit Riots and Post-War Germany were enthusiastically debated. And don't think the university professor lecturers got all their

UAW Asks CCF to Oust Drew!

Meeting in the Hotel Queensway, St. Catharines, August 19th and 20th the District Council of the United Automobile Workers passed some highly important resolutions. One dealing with Maintenance of membership, another to ask that the CCL and the AFL make arrangements for joint submissions to the governments on matters concerning them, one asking for the removal of two members of the National War Labor Board, one setting forth a policy for civic elections, another on Post-War Committees in the Union, another calling on CCF and other Progressives to oust Drew.

Demanding support from the government in labor's campaign for maintenance of Union membership the Council suggests that the Minister of Labor should head a drive to make such clauses

own way! Every main argument was thoroughly examined by the worker students.

The evenings were rounded off with programs arranged by the Entertainment Committee. Outdoor fireside sing-songs and marshmallow roasts, alternated with masquerades, dances and stunt nights to suit the weather.

Your five delegates agreed with all other students that business could be combined with pleasure. This was fully evident when at the end of the week, the universal cry was "Be seeing you next year!"

in contracts a fact. It was stated that Humphrey Mitchell himself belonged to an organization that made such contracts prior to the war.

Six delegates were elected to meet with Ontario Minister of Labor Daley, to ask that decisions of various boards on labor matters be so rendered that the companies cannot stall by stating they do not understand them. Bros. Elson, Smith, McPhee, Miller, Ward and Thompson were elected.

A policy for the guidance of UAW Locals concerning civic elections was devised to the end that municipal bodies could not be considered in the way of political groups as is the case in provincial and federal elections and that therefore the unions should endorse and aid anyone who helps labor's position in the community and who asks for such aid.

The CCF and other progressive groups were called upon to unite to throw out Drew's government and to institute progressive action for the benefit of the people of Ontario.

Paul Siren, who used formerly to be International Representative in Oshawa, spoke to the Council. He is now a member of the armed services and speaking on the rehabilitation of the armed services he said that there are now 150,000 discharged from the army so far. Contact should be kept with the Selective Service by all Locals to see what is being done for returning soldiers. Brother Siren pointed out that closer contact be kept with the boys in the Army. Further, that a great deal of consideration is necessary to see that these boys who come back suffering from nervous disorders get special consideration and help to allow them an opportunity to get back into the everyday life of industry.

Next meeting of the UAW District Council will be held in Sarnia November 18 and 19.

Ontario Steel

In recent weeks the Bargaining Committee along with Brother J. Smith, International Representative has been quite busy negotiating the new contract; progress has been made, and undoubtedly when completed, a meeting of O.S.P. membership shall be called to discuss the contract, point by point.

The Local Executive committee has agreed with the recommendation of the Local Compensation Committee to have a representative elected from all feeder plants, to the Compensation Committee. Until that is done, contact Brother J. Turner with your compensation cases as he is a member of the Local committee.

Brother William Rutherford has left for U.A.W.A. convention at Grand Rapids, Mich. Upon his return he will be equipped with material and knowledge of the decisions.

How about a personal report to the membership, Bill.

—Stephen Harkin.

Want No Unemployment

G. Burt Says Genius Shown In War Should Stop Depressions

Speaking at the Labor Day celebration at Lakeview Park, George Burt, international director of the United Automobile Workers, declared that unemployment must not be allowed to exist after the war and that victory will have been lost if there is a return of those days "when it was necessary to try to solve a twelve-month budget on six months' pay." He went on to say that any program assuring the workers of full employment in the post-war era would find overwhelming support.

Labor Day messages were also delivered by Mayor A. Gordon Davis of Oshawa, William H. Moore, M.P. for Ontario Riding, Arthur Williams, M.A.L. for Ontario Riding, and Reeve Norman Down of East Whitby. F. M. Dafeo, president of the Oshawa and District Labor Council, introduced the speakers.

Remarking that Labor Day seemed a fitting day to speculate on post-war problems, Bro. Burt said that of all the programs which have been put forth, no organization or party has as yet told the people point blank that there will not be unemployment in Canada after the war. Certainly, as far as the auto workers are concerned they are not prepared to contemplate a program which allows for any form of unemployment, he said.

Can Guarantee Employment

Bro. Burt was firm in his conviction that full employment can be guaranteed, pointing to the abundance of genius which has been displayed during the war and which can be turned to solving peacetime problems. He went on to say that the prime problem to be faced is the problem of unemployment and that once it is solved many others will automatically be settled.

He contended that it will not be necessary to lower the standard of living in Canada in order to capture world trade. If we can afford to give production away now—if thousands and thousands of trucks can be given away—to gain victory, we can do the same in peace to ensure employment for the people in Canada, he exclaimed. Rather than an inevitable lowering in the Canadian standard of living, he sug-

gested that the problem be solved by bringing the standard of living of other peoples up to ours.

Maintaining that world markets and full employment can be gained if competition at the top is abolished, the speaker urged the workers to continue after the war their task of seeing that companies give their employees employment for 12 months of the year. Envisaging the possible necessity of subsidizing the companies in order to bring this about, he expressed his willingness to see this done if necessary.

Tribute to Labor

Mayor Davis paid tribute to the part which labor has played in winning the war, and stressing the need of winning a peace that will make the world better for mankind, he urged the labor organizations to take their place in looking ahead to problems of the post-war era. If we work and toil together as a people, this Canada of ours should not know any hardship or unemployment as in the past, he said.

In conclusion, His Worship expressed the hope that his listeners would always remember the motto—"Carry on and let's all pull together."

No Need for Unemployment

Mr. Moore said that there is, in his opinion, no need for unemployment in Canada, in view of the abundant resources of "means of livelihood" which it possesses, but reminded his listeners of the importance of export trade and of taxes in the national income of Canada. Also, referring to his interest in preventing the return of a depression like that experienced in the thirties, he pointed to the fact that it was a world depression and that Canada and the United States did not do too badly as compared with other countries.

Going on to congratulate the workers of Oshawa on the work they have done, he said that in all the world, there is no country, no place in any country that has made a better contribution than has Oshawa.

Decries Dictatorship

Speaking as a representative of labor, Arthur Williams, M.L.A., warned his fellow trade unionists against opposition propaganda designed merely to "lull them into a sense of false security" and expressed the opinion that the pattern followed by Hitler and his lieutenants is being closely copied by the forces of opposition here in Canada.

Labor Marches Rain or Shine

A heavy downpour of rain on Labor Day failed to dampen the enthusiasm of local workers and as a result the parade in connection with the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Labor Day here was carried out as planned despite most discouraging weather conditions.

Local 521, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of Ajax won the prizes for the best float and the best dressed marching group. The prize for the best marching group in the parade went to the General Motors War Veterans Association. Plaques were presented to the winners in each case.

Moving off from the rear of the Public Utilities Building right on schedule the parade moved north on Centre Street to King Street and thence east to Simcoe Street and south to Wolfe Street in Cedardale. Although a much larger number would have taken part had the weather been fair, the marchers swung along with a real purpose.

Four Wreaths Laid

During the parade wreaths were laid on the Cenotaph in Memorial Park in memory of those who have made the supreme sacrifice on the field of battle. Four wreaths in all were laid.

The parade was led by the Canadian Legion Pipe Band who were followed by a color party bearing the Union Jack, the Stars and Stripes, the Chinese flag and the flag of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, while Bro. Ross Shortt, a veteran of this war, led off with the Canadian Ensign at the head of the parade.

Four Decorated Floats

Four decorated floats lent color to the parade with that of Local 521 United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America being outstanding. Mounted on a truck the float carried a number of girl workers from the Ajax plant, making a striking picture in their white uniforms and white bandanas holding cardboard replicas of the product they help produce.

Displayed in a decorated auto were the baskets of fruit and flowers which are distributed from time to time by the Sick and Welfare Committee of Local 222, UAWA-CIO. An auto gaily decorated with flags bore the emblem of Local 2375, United Steelworkers of America, Bowmanville Foundry Employees. Flags also formed the decorative theme of the float entered by Ladies' Auxiliary No. 27, United Automobile Workers of America, Oshawa.

The largest group marching in the parade was that of the girl workers from the DIL plant at Ajax. Wearing their white and blue uniforms they presented a very pleasing picture despite the heavy rain through which they marched. Other large groups

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Sports Program Much Enjoyed

Ajax Teams Win Ladies Softball and Soccer Games

Due to wet and uncertain weather, the Labor Day celebration held at Lakeview Park was not as successful as was expected by the officials but those who attended enjoyed themselves to the utmost and all arrangements were carried out as scheduled.

Among the games scheduled for the day were softball games, soccer and races. Old and young alike participated and much fun and laughter spread across the racing ground as "Billy" fell when trying to beat "Jimmy" in a race, and mother nearly hit father when she threw the rolling pin.

Race Results

Winners in the races were:

Boys, 8 years and under — Ralph Jones, Stewart Molloy. Girls, 8 years and under — Maye McGee, Janet Jarmond. Girls, 10 years and under — Marie Lang, Audrey Bottley. Boys, 10 years and under — John Milne, Allen Miles. Boys, 12 years and under — Barry Authors, Ronald Milne. Girls, 12 years and under — Helen Uric, Beatrice Corneliuss. Boys' sack race, 16 years and under — John Mellon, Leslie Maddock. Girls' sack race, 16 years and under — Arlene Crystal, Marie Lang. Boys' 100 yard dash, 16 years and under — Allan Smith, George Lowe. Single men's 100 yard dash — Ben Fallman, Gordon Vandywalker. Single women's 100 yard dash — Beth Billan, Pat Williams. Rolling pin contest — Pat Williams, Beth Billan. Wheelbarrow race — Ben Fallman and Ed Grisik, Dick Cruthers and Joe Spencer. Soda biscuit race — Mrs. M. Fenwick, Alice Brown, Mrs. Cambers. Blind fold race — Frank Burns, Ralph Patterson. Needle and thread race — Anna Sorensen and Fred Wallis, Rose Ives and Harold Russell. Men's sack race — Bruce Bloomfield, Wilfred Chesebrough. Three legged race — Beth Billan and Harry Pellow, Alice Brown and Harry Gillard.

WELL KNOWN SPEAKERS TO VISIT OSHAWA

W. E. Noble, Chairman of Regional Education Conference

Members of the UAW-CIO and their friends are to have the opportunity of hearing some very famous speakers at Open Forums throughout the coming months.

Elizabeth Hawes, author of *Why Women Cry or Wrenches with Wrenches*, is to be one of the people to address UAW audiences in Canada. Dyson Carter, author of many interesting booklets on scientific subjects, is another; Wm. Levitt, International Director of Education for the UAW, will also be on the list it is believed.

These decisions were arrived at during a week-end conference of the Educational Chairmen of all the UAW Locals in the Canadian Region, which was held in Toronto Sunday, September 3.

Other matters discussed were an extended tour of one or two prominent British Labor men and the establishment of a unified literature distributing centre and policy for the Canadian Region.

All the means of handing out the information available through the International were examined. And Brother Burt, Regional Director, pointed to the great amount of work needed in the reestablishing of peacetime jobs for the men and women of the services and the conversion to peacetime jobs for those now in industry.

He said the main job facing the Unions was the ensuring of full employment and only in conquering the spectre of relief and want could we say we had won the peace.

After discussing the purpose of the conference and the necessity for continued co-ordination in the Region it was decided to set up a permanent organization. The continuing regional conference is to be composed of the Chairman of all UAW Educational Com-

mittees and to meet at least three times a year.

Officers elected were Wm. E. Noble, Local 222, Oshawa, Chairman; Cecil Daynes, Local 195, Windsor, Vice-Chairman; Ernest Bonnell, Local 112, De Havilland, Toronto, Secretary; and Betty Novak, Merriton and Harry Van Tent, Toronto Board members.

Attending the conference beside the delegated chairmen of the various Union Educational Committees were Geo. Burt, Regional Director for Canada; Drummond Wren, Educational Director of the UAW for Canada; John Eldon, International Representative in the Toronto area and Malcolm Young of the UAW Publicity department.

Youth Club Grows

TONY PELESHOK

The young union members of the youth club that was organized lately, in this community, have a keen interest in the role of the Union in industries, recreation of all description, sports, debates, etc.

The meeting of August 31 which was chaired by the president, Earl Edmondson included an encouraging treasurer's report by Gloria McKean and open discussion on future recreational events for the guidance of the social chairman, D. Dulmage. Arrangements are made to date, for a dance at the Avalon Pavilion.

Thursday, September 21st

8:30 p.m. 35c per person

All young Union members and their friends are invited—Please come.

The August meeting got down to brass tacks on deciding an official name, club fees, membership cards etc. This young youth club is now titled The Union Youth Club. The fees shall be 25c initiation and 25c per month, to be paid the first of each month. Membership cards question was referred to the Publicity Committee.

An election for an Educational and Membership Committee was held and Bill Rutherford was voted in as Chairman with El. Bradley and Tony Peleshok as assistants.

Business meetings are to be held once a month—watch the "Oshaworker" for the date and plan to attend—bring your union friends with you. Your interest—will make it a club you'll be happy to belong to.

Shop Committee

MALCOLM SMITH, Chairman

Two meetings have been held, one on an eight point agenda and the other on a fourteen point seniority agenda.

On the first agenda an important point discussed was the question of the Aircraft division. The information to hand is to the effect that the Aircraft division stays in Oshawa as at present. Schedules have been boosted to the point where G.M. finds it impossible to keep pace, so the amount of work that G.M. can't handle is being sub-let to a firm in London.

Discussion was also held on the question of an injured employee getting service from the plant doctor after work hours. The procedure to be followed is for the worker to report the injury at the plant hospital first of all, and if he needs the plant doctor after hours he should contact the plant hospital to locate the doctor and have him sent to his home. The plant hospital has an attendant all the time.

A gambling grievance was submitted from the shipping department where some employees who were suspended claimed they were not gambling. The contention of management is that anyone who is found near or standing around where gambling is going on are going to be suspended. We all know that gambling is getting all too prevalent in the plant, and all of the officials of the local union, will, I am sure, join with me in urging the culprits to stop this practice, either that or take what punishment is meted out without squawking.

The committee has now tried every board they can possibly try for vacation pay on a graded scale for employees with less than a year's seniority. First of all we tried the Regional Board. They referred it to Mr. Fine, the arbitrator. The committee met Mr. Fine in the Union Hall on the question, and he gave us absolutely no hope at all of any success. It was next submitted to the Industry and Labor Board who have turned the thing down completely.

WANTED:

Musical talent to take part in an Oshawa Young Peoples String Orchestra; to play classical music under fine leadership. Phone 1932 W.

When any union member is hurt or ill in your dept will you please make sure that the matter is reported to the Union Hall so that the Sick and Welfare Committee can visit them and help pass on the Union cheer.

Knox Glass—Dept 95

The Editor has been requested to bring to the attention of the readers of the Oshaworker the necessity of seeing to it that the proper address of the boys who have gone overseas is available at the Union Hall so the Women's Auxiliary and the Soldiers committee can function properly.

Will anyone knowing the correct address of the following boys in the Service please leave the information at 17½ Simcoe North (the Union Hall) or phone 2751.

Thomas Cable, Keith Duval, J. S. Kettle, Pte. K. R. Sanders, J. L. Simpson, Spr. C. S. Solomon, Charles Polito, L.A.C. Clair Q. Doble.

The Women's Auxiliary have forwarded parcels to these names at addresses they were given but they have been returned. Anyone who can supply correct addresses will not only be doing the Union a favour but will also aid in supplying a few of the comforts the boys overseas are so glad to receive.

Union Youth Club

invite you
to a

DANCE

AVALON PAVILION
(Westmount)

8:30 p.m.

THURS., SEPT. 21

35¢ per person

**All Union Young People and
Their Friends**

!! MAKE IT A DATE !!

**Enquire for Tickets at the
Union Hall or at the Dance**

Do You Know These Boys?

A foreman in Knox Glass recently officiated at the opening of a new addition on third floor. At the ceremony the the girls presented him with a lavish bouquet. Thanks Murphy.

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Glad to see the employees back from their vacations looking fit.

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Congratulations, Ethel, the band on that certain finger looks smart.

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You look very happy May and Johnny. Marriage usually has that effect.

Labor Marches

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were drawn from the memberships of Local 222, UAWA-CIO, and the various locals of the United Steelworkers Union. There were also quite a number of the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the UAWA and Local 189, United Rubber Workers of America at the Goodyear plant in Bowmanville.

DUPLATE DOINGS

Convention Delegates:

Betty Slater was elected as delegate to the U.A.W.A. convention at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Freddie McKnight was elected by acclamation to represent us at the C.C.L. convention at Quebec city. Unfortunately 4 of the nominees were ruled ineligible (article 7, section 7 of constitution of UAW-CIO) and this had a tendency to decrease interest in the elections.

Build Your Union:

What we need and must have is a larger and more active membership. At Duplate a number of employees have not minded taking raises, seniority protection, better working conditions the past 2 to 3 years without contributing to the upkeep of the agency responsible for these improvements. To put it more plainly they ride on the union train without paying the fare.

A lot of the union members do not seem able to attend union meetings but are at times, very critical of the leadership. A union is very democratic in its construction and scope and you can make it more so by attending meetings and expressing yourself. Constructive criticism and differences of opinion are respected and encouraged from members at union meetings. Union officials are elected, not appointed, in the union hall, by the membership that does attend. If you are not satisfied with decisions, or elected representatives, you can only fully express your reasons and desires at union meetings. In Jack Currie we, at Duplate, are very fortunate in having the leadership that many unions in

this country would be only too glad to have. Many times at considerable discomfort and during free time when Brother Currie could have thought of other things to do he has struggled and acted in the interest of keeping the union alive at Duplate. He needs support from all members, not just a few.

At the meeting of September 7th we had an excellent turnout and that is the way we want and hope all future meetings to be. At this meeting Les. Peck resigned as chairman and Brother Fairwell was elected to succeed him. Les will however, continue on the Bargaining Committee. John Sabo was elected as steward for the press shop.

Glad to see Dora. Mandryk and Lucy Dart back at work.

Our next contract should endeavour to equalize the wage rate of the yard men and a couple of men in the glass sheds, to the day rate paid in the shop. Pretty hard work is done by these men.

Did a certain foreman's wife take a job in order to "keep a watchful eye" on hubby?

Brother "Spike" Yourkevich is a very quiet young man these days.

We did not see any of the general office staff on the boat.

One of our foremen was left behind when the boat pulled out. To him we dedicate this little bit of verse.

"Early and bright, see
Seems quite alright;
But when one
Who lives near,
Is left at the pier
'Tis sure there's
A slip-up somewhere.

CONTEST

OPEN TO ALL LOCAL 222 MEMBERS
(Members of Political Action Committee excluded)

CASH PRIZES

Recent issues of the "Oshaworker" carried articles by prominent trade union leaders on—

"WHY SHOULD UNIONS TAKE POLITICAL ACTION?"

You know many reasons why individuals should be active politically—

You probably can think of a greater number of reasons—

Why unions should take political action—

WIN A CASH PRIZE — PUT YOUR THOUGHTS INTO WORDS

Write a short article on the above subject—
approximately 250 words.

Place in sealed envelope marked—"Contest Oshaworker"
and mail to or leave at Union office not later than

OCTOBER 23rd

Your Political Action Committee will select the best, awarding three prizes of \$10.00, \$6.00 and \$4.00. The winning articles will be published in the Oshaworker.

UAWA SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The above league officially finished the playing season at Lakeview Park on Labor Day. The weather was most unsatisfactory in the early morning, this being responsible for the small turnout in the Softball Tournament. However, 5 teams were on hand, and they kept the crowd in good humor with some good softball.

Bombers eliminated the Truck Line team 5-4 in the first game, the O.M.I. beat out Ontario Steel in the second game, then in the third game, the O.M.I. team ousted the favourites, O.K. Billiards. This was the best game of the day, OMI winning 4-1. This left the Bombers team to meet O.M.I. in the finals. O.M.I. got off to a flying start, scoring 11 runs in the first innings and they were never in trouble all through the game. Manager Joe Spencer, O.M.I., was really in the best of spirits when his boys came

through with the goods—the score 25-11.

Another softball game which attracted a large crowd was the challenge game between Local 222 Executive and the Shop Committee. Bro. Malc. Smith started on the mound for the Shop Committee and the Executive boys knocked him for plenty before he withdrew. Bro. Malcolm claimed he was just a little out of practice—"or something." Bro. Elson was playing a whizz of a game at first base until Bro. Marv. Linton made that flying tackle when running to first, causing Elson to turn about 4 somersaults into the crowd. The Shop Committee came back strong with Linton and Doyle taking turns on the mound, holding the Execs. in check and ultimately came out winners by a "narrow margin". Donaldson started on the mound for the Execs. followed by all the rest of the team and they were all "good" but not good enough. The crowd really enjoyed the fun, but there were a few cripples at work on Tuesday Sept. 5th.

The boxing bouts put on by Bro. "Coy" Wheeler also went over big with the crowd and he should be commended for the wonderful job he is doing in providing the juveniles with this form of sport. Some of these youngsters are really beginning to show some promise. It would be unfair to mention any particular ones—they all looked like comers.

The U.A.W.A. Softball Draw was made at Lakeview Park, Labor Day. Bro. Mike Fenwick drew the following winners:

1st Prize \$100.00 Victory Bond
—Ticket No. 2336; won by Bert Thornbury, R.R. No. 1 Oshawa.

2nd Prize \$50.00 Victory Bond
—Ticket No. 1216; won by Lloyd T. Robinson, 114 John St. Whitby.

EXTRA!!

U.A.W.A. Bowling League
Meeting at U.A.W.A. Hall
8 p.m.

Any member or members interested, please plan to attend.
Purpose of Meeting—to Organize
League for 1944-45.

—A. Donaldson.

In once gay Vienna, a new series of stamps, showing the heads of Hitler and Mussolini, were issued recently . . . "these stamps don't stick," commented one Viennese to another . . . "They'll stick all right," . . . explained the other, "but people insist on spitting on the wrong side!"

—Modern Digest.

Tool Room Briefs West Plant

We regret to hear of the deaths of three former Tool Room employees who were recently killed in action.

Charlton Lindsey, Ronald Guscott and Cap Wilson.

Our deep sympathy go to the relatives of these three boys.

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The rain did not stop 4 members of this department from parading on Labor Day. The honors go to Bros. Noble, Turner, Bools and Pine. Not such a good showing for such a Union Department.

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The Rug Cutters were unable to carry out plans for the Corn Roast, guess they need a shot in the arm.

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We hear that brother Bob has gone into the car repair business. What about giving him lots of work boys.

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We hope that the Rug Cutters Wine Co. will have their wine ready for the Victory Dance which we hope to hold shortly.

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We hear a certain young man in the pattern room is trying to start a nudist colony or else he has lost his shirts in the wash.

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Any Brother wishing to join the Sick and Social Club please contact Gordon Wilson before October 1st.



Major Doyle, A. Elson, Capt. Rickwood, Malc. Smith, Mrs. Mayne and Mrs. Ross standing.

Army Men Guests of Union Highly Pleased With Visit

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to meet and entertain the party were Pres. A. Elson, Bros. M. Smith, R. McNeill, E. Simmons, R. McEvers, W. E. Noble and the International Representative of the UAW-CIO, Bro. James Smith.

An interesting fact concerning the homes of the members of the party of visitors came to the attention of the Union members entertaining them when it was revealed that they represented five different provinces: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan.

At the banquet, which was tastefully served in the Union Hall by members of the Women's Auxiliary and to whom all present paid tribute for the very fine way they took care of the food question, Alderman Dafoe, deputizing for Mayor Davis, welcomed the visitors to the city. He spoke of the great struggle for freedom now in progress in France and stated that we who had known freedom would never rest until we were assured of its preservation.

Bro. Elson said that the Union had made every effort to keep the weapons and machines of warfare rolling and hoped that the army men had a better appreciation of our problems due to the visit.

Bro. Malc. Smith expressed his

pleasure at the democratic feelings in the army as expressed by this visit and the relations of the men and officers as we saw them in the tour about the factory.

Mrs. Farrow welcomed the visitors as President of the Women's Auxiliary and they were also addressed by Jimmie Smith on behalf of the International.

Major Doyle in replying expressed his regret and that of Major-General Worthington that the General was unable to be with the party due to an unexpected visit from an American General.

He said that he could only marvel at the efficiency of the workers in industry who had so well equipped the men of the services. He remembered, he said, that in the early days of the war they had nothing to work with at all and had to use their own cars for training purposes. Now however the army was perhaps the best equipped mechanized army the world had ever seen. In this regard the men and women in Industry were equally as important as the men who used the weapons and he was sure that visits such as the one they were on were long overdue. He hoped the respect and understanding of the services and the unions would continue and be enhanced by future contacts of a like nature.

Capt. Rickwood, Lieut. Egan RSM Burke and, Pte. Parish also expressed their appreciation for the trip and the fine visit they had with the union boys. They were sure that the visit would produce the finest of results due to the discussion of problems and the mutual understanding arrived at.

Bro. Dick McEvers, one of the two members of Local 222 to visit Camp Borden, expressed his own appreciation and that of the Union as a whole for the visit of the men from Camp Borden. Saddened by the death of Bro. Arnold from Windsor at the camp during the visit there but sure that all the men who had a chance to see what was being done at the camp, would appreciate to a greater degree the fine work the men and women in the services were performing.

After a sing-song and social get together at the Genosha where the party held open house to meet other members of the Union, the boys left for Windsor where they were welcomed by a banquet tendered them by Mayor Rheaume of Windsor and the officers of the UAW-CIO there.

They visited the Chrysler plant and the Ford Willow Run plant outside of Detroit, finishing the weekend as guests of the two big locals of the UAW-CIO, No. 195 and 200 in that city.

"My wife always gets historical when I stay out late at night."

"Hysterical, you mean."

"No, historical. She digs up all my past."

—Guelph Mercury.

New Film Board Appointee Bro. Sharples in Charge

Bro. Sid. Sharples of Local 222 has been appointed National Film Board operator for the Trade Union Circuit in this district.

Chief Stewards are advised to get in touch with Bro. Sharples if they need any film showings at their respective department meetings.

These films are of an educational nature, dealing with Labor problems, current events, and up-to-date war pictures. The films are supplied by the National Film Board.

If interested phone 3649W or call at 330 Alice St., Oshawa.

UNION DRAW

Draw to be made at membership meeting

SEPTEMBER 20th

This is your last chance to get tickets and support your own Local Union Draw.

Purchase your tickets from Your Steward or at the Union Office.